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SUBJ: KURDISH NATIONALISTS SEEK US SUPPORT AT UN

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THREE KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY (KDP) OFFICIALS CALLED AT USUN JUNE 19 TO DESCRIBE THEIR ACTIVITIES AT UN AND SOLICIT US SUPPORT. WE LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY, BUT EXPLAINED WHY US COULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN KURDS' DISPUTE WITH IRAQ. END SUMMARY.

1. KDP OFFICIALS WHO SIGNED LETTERS TO UNSYG FROM "KURDISH DELEGATION ABROAD" (REFAIR) CALLED ON MISSION OFFICER JULY 19, AMBASSADOR SCALI HAVING INDICATED HE WAS OCCUPIED. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP WAS M.M. ABDUL RAHMAN, MEMBER OF KDP POLITICAL BUREAU, WHO WAS ARTICULATE AND SOFT-SPOKEN. OTHER OFFICIALS WERE M. DIZAYEE, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF DKP AND CHALAK JEWANROYEE, WHO IS SETTING UP SHOP IN NEW YORK AS "PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE" OF KURDISH DELEGATION ABROAD.

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HEWANROYEE IS IN HIS TWENTIES AND HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM CALIFORNIA; ANY BIO DEPT MAY HAVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. ABDUL RAHMAN BEGAN BY DESCRIBING PLIGHT OF KURDS IN IRAQ, WHERE A TOTALITARIAN REGIME HAD AS ITS MAIN OBJECTIVE EXTERMINATION OF KURDISH PEOPLE. RAHMAN SAID KDP MIGHT TRY TO HAVE QUESTION OF GENOCIDE OF KURDS PUT ON AGENDA OF 29TH GA. HE REQLIZED US WAS NOT A PARTY TO GENOCIDE CONVENTION, BUT HOPED SOME UN MEMBER MIGHT INSCRIBE ITEM. (WE DID NOT HAVE IMPRESSION HE HAD FOUND ANY VOLUNTEERS.)

3. RAHMAN STRONGLY CRITICIZED SOVIET AID TO BAGHDAD IN FIGHT AGAINST KURDS. HE CLAIMED USSR HAD PROVIDED IRAQ WITH POISON GAS, WHICH BAGHDAD WAS "PREPARED TO USE" AT ANY TIME. MOREOVER, ALL IRAQI AIR OPERATIONS AGAINST KURDS WERE BEING SUPERVISED BY SOVIET OFFICER NAMED ALEXANDER VASILEF.

4. FAHMAN SAID MAJOR KURDISH EFFORT IN NEW YORK WOULD BE IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND IT WAS IN THIS FORUM PARTICULARLY THAT HE SOUGHT US HELP. KURDISH COMPLAINT WAS NOW BEFORE HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING COMMITTEE, COMPRISING FRANCE, URUGUAY, PAKISTAN, USSR AND GHANA. IF WORKING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FURTHER ACTION, COMPLAINT WOULD GO TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITIES AND FROM THERE TO COMMISSION. RAHMAN ASKED THAT WE USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH URUGUAY, PAKISTAN AND FRANCE TO SEE THAT KURDISH COMPLAINT WAS NOT BOTTLED UP IN WORKING COMMITTEE.

5. WE REPLIED THAT WHILE AMERICAN HAD MUCH UNDERSTANDING ANY SYMPATHY FOR SITUATION OF KURDS, THERE WAS LITTLE US COULD DO TO HELP. SINCE US DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, OUR BILATERAL LEVERAGE WAS MINIMAL. MOREOVER, AT THIS STAGE IN SEARCH FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST, US COULD NOT AFFORD TO PROVOKE CONFRONTATION WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD THE CAPABILITY OF DISRUPTING THAT PEACE. RAHMAN SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND THIS POLICY, HOWEVER, HE EARNESTLY HOPED US WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO ENSURE KURDISH COMPLAINT GOT HEARING ON ITS MERITS, AND WAS NOT SCUTTLED BY SOVIETS.

6. RAHMAN SAID HE PLANNED TO GO TO WASHINGTON JUNE 20,  
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VISIT SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN JULY, THEN RETURN TO KURDISH-HELD TERRITORY IN IRAQ BY WAY OF IRAN.  
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